

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Mrs. Roosevelt to Receive This Afternoon. Engagement of the New Chinese Minister, Sir Liang Cheng, Confirmed.

The White House.
Mrs. Roosevelt will receive this afternoon from 4 to 6.

Among the Diplomats.

The Chinese legation has recently received confirmation of the engagement of Sir Liang Cheng, who has been appointed to succeed Minister Wu, to Miss Yu Keng, the daughter of the minister to Paris from the Celestial Kingdom. The wedding, however, will not take place for some time, as the new minister will sail for this country very shortly, and expects to present his credentials early in March. It is not known whether the marriage will be celebrated in China or France, where Minister Yu is now on duty.

Miss Yu is a pretty young woman, from an Occidental as well as an Oriental point of view, who, happily, has not been put through the torture of having her feet bound, her family being of Manchurian origin. She dresses after the French fashion, speaks several languages fluently, and is said to hold advanced ideas concerning woman's sphere in the world.

Sir Liang Cheng is pleasantly remembered here, where he served for some time as an attaché on the staff of the late Minister Huan, who represented China for several years in this Capital. He was partly educated in the United States, having attended the preparatory school at Andover, and Amherst College, from which he holds a degree.

Receptions.

Mrs. Henderson, wife of the Speaker, will begin her weekly receptions on Wednesday.

Mrs. Cortelyou will not receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Terry, wife of Admiral Terry, of the navy yard, will not receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson and Miss Anderson will receive this afternoon at the Portland.

Mrs. Samuel C. Smoot will give a tea this afternoon from 5 to 7.

Mrs. Isaac Pearson and Mrs. R. R. McKean will receive this afternoon and the following Mondays in January at 1818 Thirteenth Street.

Mrs. Maurice Francis Egan and Miss Patricia Egan will receive this afternoon and on Mondays in January.

Mrs. Otto H. Tittman entertained at a tea Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Biddle, of Detroit. Mrs. Tittman was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Lillard, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. William Bruce King and Miss de Villehorst.

Mrs. A. Maurice Low will not begin her reception until Tuesday, January 20.

Mrs. Elias Deemer, wife of Representative Deemer, of Pennsylvania, and her daughters, the Misses Deemer, will receive Tuesdays, January 6, and 20, and February 3 at 1116 Vermont Avenue.

Mrs. Enoch M. Thompson will receive Tuesdays in January at her home, 820 Seventeenth Street.

Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of Representative Swanson, of Virginia, who is living at the Cairo this winter, will receive the first and the third Tuesdays in January and February.

Miss McConeny is again established in her apartments at the Shoreham, and will receive Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. Warner, wife of the Representative from Illinois, will give a tea Thursday afternoon at Rauscher's, when she will present her daughter, Miss Warner, to society.

Mrs. Addison G. Foster will receive at the Arlington on Thursday, January 8.

Mrs. Jones, wife of the Senator from Arkansas, will receive Thursdays in January, at 915 M Street. She will be assisted by Miss Jones, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. K. Jones, Jr., and Miss Baucum, of Little Rock.

Weddings.

One of the large church weddings on Saturday, January 17, will be that of Miss Ethel Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Atmore Robinson, of New York, to Lieut. Joseph Wright Graeme, U. S. N.

The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock, in Calvary Church, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street. The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Miss Robinson has chosen her sister, Miss Gladys Robinson, to be her maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Miss Margaret Beaman, Miss Caroline Edlitz, Miss Isabel Nash, and Miss Edith Robinson, a cousin of the bride-to-be.

Lieutenant Graeme, who is a graduate of Annapolis, is at present on duty here. He will be attended by one of his classmates as best man. There will be six ushers.

The wedding reception will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, 23 East Twenty-first Street, New York.

Invitations were issued a few days ago by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Morris for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Russell Morris, to Robert H. McCormick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall McCormick, of 10 Fifth Avenue,

New York, on Thursday afternoon, January 22, in St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church. This will be one of the notable nuptial celebrations of the first month of the year, and the reception, which is to be held at the residence of the bride's parents, 12 West Fifty-third Street, New York, will doubtless be a very gay one, as Miss Morris and Mr. McCormick are very popular.

Mr. McCormick is a near relative of Ambassador McCormick. He has arranged to give his farewell bachelor dinner at his residence, 10 Fifth Avenue, on Saturday evening, January 17. He has selected Mark S. Willing, of Chicago, to be his best man. The ushers will be his cousins, Messrs. J. Medill McCormick and Stanley McCormick, of Chicago; John B. Adams, Arthur Patterson, Johnston de Forest, and the bride's brother, Lewis S. Morris.

The members of the bridal party will be entertained at dinner by Mrs. Morris on the evening before the wedding.

An interesting wedding last week was that of Miss Edith Cushing to J. Blair Fairchild. Miss Cushing was an only child, the daughter of Thomas Cushing, who was a very conspicuous figure in New York society for many years. Mr. Cushing and his daughter were devoted to music, and they were always seen at the opera. They had two stalls in the orchestra, and they not only attended the regular performances, but were present on Saturday evenings and at the Sunday night concerts. The late Mrs. Cushing was Miss Grinnell, a great beauty and an heiress. The old Grinnell mansion stood for years at Fifth Avenue and Fourteenth Street, and it was used for a decade by Delmonico as a restaurant before he moved to the Twenty-sixth Street place, now occupied by Martin. Mrs. Fairchild was in deep mourning for her father, and the wedding was attended by relatives and a few intimate friends. Mr. Fairchild will go abroad to study music.

Notes.

Representative and Mrs. Landis, of Indiana, have taken apartments at the Driscoll on Capitol Hill.

The Secretary of the Senate and Mrs. Bennett have taken apartments at the Arlington for the winter. Mrs. Bennett will not begin her receptions until February.

The officers of the cooperative Sewing Society ask that no entertainments shall be fixed for the night of Tuesday, January 20, when they purpose giving a night of grand opera under the direction of Maurice Grau for the benefit of their society. The committee having this end.

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Dinners and Dances.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Williams gave a dinner Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp of Philadelphia. Their other guests were Senator and Miss Cockrell, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. D. Peirce, Miss Upson, and Edson F. Gallaudet of Philadelphia.

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Plans for a Night of Grand Opera, Under the Auspices of the Co-operative Sewing Society, Tuesday, January 20.

Col. George Washington and Mrs. Martha Dandridge Custis by giving an entertainment at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening, January 6, when a tableau representing the wedding will be followed by a reception and an old-fashioned Virginia reel. The refreshments will be in accord with a Twelfth Night entertainment, such as jellies served in glasses and cold rice puddings with plums, and the cake will be made after Mrs. Washington's original recipe, even containing a ring as one of the ingredients, and whoever is fortunate enough to find the ring in her piece of cake will be considered the queen of the evening.

The Misses Severna, of 1127 Spruce Street, have returned from Europe. They have as their guest Miss Watherston, of London, England.

Mr. Edward Haggerman Hall, of New York, who is preparing a monograph on the Louisiana Purchase in connection with the St. Louis Exposition, was in town last week as the guest of Senator Joseph M. Gazzam. Mr. Hall will shortly go to New Orleans to examine the old records preserved there.

Baltimore Jottings.

Mr. R. A. Austen Leigh of London, England, grandnephew of Jane Austen, the English novelist, is visiting in Baltimore as the guest of Mrs. Kilpatrick, 1027 St. Paul Street. Mr. Leigh was given a reception by Mrs. Kilpatrick on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Leigh owns several relics of Jane Austen, including the writing desk on which she wrote most of her novels.

Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Emerson will leave today for New York to see their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Smith H. McKim, sail on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse for Europe. The McKim-Emerson wedding was an event of last Tuesday in Baltimore, and since then the bride and groom have been at some quiet watering place. They will remain abroad until next autumn. Dr. and Mrs. Emerson will be in New York for two weeks, and will be guests at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Congressman-elect and Mrs. James W. Denny have returned from a ten-day trip to Miami, Florida.

Jerome Rafferty, 905 East Biddle Street, has returned home from Washington, where he has been visiting friends.

Doings in New York.

Mrs. Mackay will be in town during January and February, and the house on Madison Avenue has been made ready for her reception. As she is in deep

mourning she will do no entertaining. Mrs. Mackay, her mother-in-law, will soon return to Europe. She has been with her at Harbor Hill all autumn.

Mrs. Astor does not have her ball until January 12. It will be followed a week later by a cotillon given by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Elisha Dyer, Jr., and Harry Lehr will lead at the cotillon on the evening of Mrs. Astor's dance. One will dance with Mrs. John Jacob Astor and the other with Mrs. Orne Wilson. Mrs. Astor will receive alone and she will wear a gorgeous gown imported from Paris for the occasion and all of her famous diamonds.

Mrs. Seth Barton French entertained Mme. Semblich at a small luncheon Saturday, and afterward took her guests to hear "Tristan and Isolde." Besides Mme. Semblich the guests were Mrs. Alfred Chapin, Mrs. C. H. Berryman, Mrs. Henry Parish, Jr., and Mrs. Walker Fearn.

Lady Swansen, of England, will be the next titled visitor who will receive much social attention here. Lady Swansen's twin daughters are maids of honor to Queen Alexandra, and consequently figured in the coronation pageant. She will be the guest here of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burrall Hoffman, of 58 East Seventy-ninth Street. They have cards out for a dinner in her honor on Saturday night, January 24. The Duke of Newcastle, who will soon start for Florida, passed New Year eve and the last day or two at Chatsworth, where he has been the guest of the Marquise de Talleyrand Perigord.

Mrs. William Gray Park will give a dance at Sherry's tonight to introduce her daughter, Miss Mary Park. Dr. Harold Barclay will lead the cotillon.

Mrs. George B. McClellan has finished her visit to her sister, Mrs. Edward H. Clarke, at Morristown, N. J., and has gone to Washington, D. C., to spend the rest of the winter.

ARMY OFFICER TAKES FRENCH LEAVE OF POST

Confronted by a Wife Whom He is Said to Have Deserted Eight Years Ago.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 5.—Lieut. Edward O. Perkins, Fourth United States Cavalry, and formerly an enlisted man of the Marine Corps, has been missing from his post here since December 30. The military authorities at the post here are very reticent in discussing the unauthorized absence of the officer, but it is known that Lieutenant Perkins was married when a sergeant in the Sixth Cavalry at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, fourteen years ago, and that his deserted wife recently put in an appearance and claimed the support of the officer.

Lieutenant Perkins has, it is alleged, been passing as a single man and paying attentions to other women. The case was brought to the attention of Colonel Wygant, post commander, and Major Murray, Perkins' squadron commander. Perkins' wife submitted written evidence that she was what she claimed herself to be, and that Perkins' real name is Edward O. Raynor, and that his relatives live in Southampton, N. Y. The accused officer, it is understood, endeavored to fix up a divorce with his wife, but without any success, as they could not agree to the custody of their two children.

Perkins, while in the Marine Corps, served as orderly for Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila Bay. Although he was forty-two years of age, he obtained a commission in the army through the influence of Admiral Dewey and Secretary Root.

The War Department has not been informed in any manner of the disappearance of Lieutenant Perkins.

CLARK DEMOCRAT NAMED BY CAUCUS AS SENATOR

HELENA, Mont. Jan. 5.—By a vote of 9 to 5, the Democratic caucus for Senator yesterday nominated as president pro tem., W. M. Biggs (Clark Democrat) over J. M. Conroy (Helms Democrat). Biggs will probably be elected when the Legislature convenes today.

The house Republicans in caucus last night unanimously selected former Governor B. F. White, of Dillon, as speaker.

They represent the exact number of bales of cotton that have passed through the ginneries. All that has been done by the Census Office is to make and verify the additions.

"Anybody is at liberty to examine the whole process adopted by the Census Office in handling these returns. The returns represent the ginning operations of 30,194 ginneries, which number includes every ginning establishment which has handled any portion of the growth of 1902.

Probable Variation.

"The report is made at a time so near the close of the ginning season as to permit a very close approximation of the actual growth of the year, in 500-pound bales. It seems probable that the final report, to be issued about March 15 next, will not show a variation of 50,000 bales from the estimates of the total crop which are submitted from two sources in connection with the figures of cotton ginned to December 13.

This is the first time in the history of the American cotton crop that definite and exact knowledge of the season's growth has been placed in possession of the public at so early a date, or within a date five months as early. The nearest approach to it in matter of early date was when the Census Office issued its bulletin on the crop of 1901, on April 12, of last year.

The Census Office is already perfecting plans for more frequent reports in connection with the crop of 1903. Its first report on that crop will cover all the cotton ginned, of the year's growth, up to and including September 1.

BUFFALO EXPERIENCES A STRANGE "DARK DAY"

BUFFALO, Jan. 5.—As a result of abnormal meteorological conditions Buffalo is in almost absolute darkness this morning.

At 10 o'clock all the stores on the principal downtown business streets were lit up as brightly as if it were early evening. The entire lower part of the city is similarly affected. No relief will be obtained until a strong wind develops.

At the local weather bureau the phenomenon was explained by the statement that the wind is from the East, an abnormal direction for Buffalo and that it is blowing only about two miles an hour, producing almost a dead calm. These conditions, combined with the fact that the smoke that has settled over the business section, is causing the darkness.

The wind is so light that it cannot lift the smoke that has settled over the business section. A slight fall of snow also adds to the darkness.

"Buffalo would be as dark as London at all times if the prevailing direction of the wind and its velocity were as they are today," said Local Forecaster Cuthbertson.

ENGLAND'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR WEDS

Brodrick United to Madeline Stanley, at St. George's.

PREMIER BALFOUR BEST MAN

High Society of London Witnesses Ceremony, at Which Bishop of Winchester Officiates.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—One of the most brilliant weddings London has witnessed in a decade took place at St. George's, Hanover Square, today, when the Hon. William St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, was married to Madeline Stanley, daughter of Advocate General Lord Jeune.

The Bishop of Winchester officiated. The best man was Premier Balfour. The wedding was attended by all of the high society of London, including most of the government officials.

The happy couple were the recipients of 600 gifts in all. King Edward headed the list with a silver inkstand.

This is the secretary of war's second matrimonial alliance. He was first married to Hilda, daughter of the ninth Earl of Wemyss, in 1880. She died a year ago.

BURDEN IRON COMPANY MUST PAY ROYALTIES

Suit Involving \$50,000 a Year Won by the Defendant.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Justice Betts has handed down a decision in the case of I. Townsend Burden against the Burden Iron Company, an action brought to have declared null and void a contract made between the company and James A. Burden in 1898.

The case is the second action brought in a fight between I. Townsend Burden and his brother, James A. Burden, which began nearly twenty years ago. The first case was in the courts fourteen years and was finally won by James A. Burden.

In the second case Justice Betts grants judgment for one of the defendants, James A. Burden. The action involved the payment of annual royalties by the company to the defendant of about \$50,000.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Twelfth Street northeast, between F and G Streets—Mary Wall to Samuel V. Leech, original lot 1 and part of original lots 12 and 13, square 983, \$10.

Eighteenth Street northeast, between I and K Streets—George G. Brown to Brainerd H. Warner, lots 15, 16, and part of lot 1, square 126, \$10.

G Street northeast, between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets—Same to same, lot 54, square 1006, \$10.

Whitney Close—Same to same, lot 8, block 2, \$10.

Granby—Edgar F. G. Hazle, trustee, to Marvin J. Nevins, lots 3 and 12, block 62, \$370.32.

Granby—Same to Leander B. Cooley, lots 5 and 10, block 62, \$370.32.

Granby—Same to Katherine E. Love, lots 4 and 11, block 62, \$370.32.

A Street southeast, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets—Emma F. Rosen et vir, George E., to Mary E. Wright, lot 51, square 983, \$10.

Thirteenth and G Streets northeast—Louis D. Wine and Clarence B. Rheem, trustees, to William M. Terrell, lots 99, 100, 101, square 1027, \$77.75.

Moore & Barbour's second addition—John G. Campbell to Louis H. Meyers, lots 20 to 24, block 5, \$10.

Cleveland Park—Thomas A. Waggoner et ux. to John Sherman, part lots 33, 34, 35, block 8, \$10.

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